



Author Bio



Mike was born in 1972 in Buckinghamshire, and during his early years lived in Beaconsfield where his love of writing started in earnest when the family bought a deluxe IBM compatible PC with a whole 10Mb of hard disk space. WordPerfect was his friend (not his only one). From “Dragonfall V” books in his earliest-remembered days of reading, through the wonderful “Biggles” stories of W E Johns, to an impressive array of golden-age science fiction books Mike read widely and hungrily. Science Fiction from Isaac Asimov, Arthur C Clarke, Robert Heinlein and Douglas Adams must surely, in variously different ways, have played a large part in forming the young Barnes mind.

A handful of magazine articles, written in his late teens and whilst at university in Reading, promised a glittering career in journalist. Somehow instead, after spending a month exploring the United States of America on Greyhound buses, he returned to enter a glittering career in telecommunications. A twenty year writing hiatus therefore ensued.

Fast forward to modern times (and, thankfully, modern computers). Mike is now the proud author of two very different books. “An Infinite Number of Monkeys: A Guide to Effective Business Communications” is not a science fiction story aimed at children. “The Long Way Home” is.

Writing is part love and part expectation: love of putting down on paper the thoughts and ideas which are buzzing about your head and which simply must be shared; expectation that others will find your written words informative, fun, or even inspirational. Mike’s mission, after 20 years of helping unknown people talk to or type with each other over bits of wire, is to inform, entertain and, with luck, inspire.

He now lives in Brackley, Northamptonshire, with his wife and two boys.

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